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EQUATORIAL GUINEA ENHANCING PUBLIC EDUCATION WITH IMPROVEMENT OF TEACHING FORCE

MALABO (June 21, 2010) – The Governing Board of Equatorial Guinea's (República de Guinea Ecuatorial) Ministry of Education, Science and Sport recently met to discuss the status of education and sport in the country. The multi-day sessions were part of Equatorial Guinea's efforts to evaluate the current education system and institute policies for improvement.

The meetings were chaired by Filiberto Ntutumu Nguema, Equatorial Guinea's Minister of Education, Science and Sport and attended by the thirteen directorates. They examined various action plans in the education and sport sector and set out measures to improve teaching and the availability of resources.

Also discussed was the Ministry of Education's plan to promote sports culture through the implementation of soccer leagues in schools, towns and provinces throughout the country.

Education is one of the priorities outlined in Equatorial Guinea's "Horizon 2020" development plan, which was set in motion by President Obiang, to move the country toward a sustainable and emergent economy. The plan includes the development of new schools and teacher training.

About Equatorial Guinea

The Republic of Equatorial Guinea (República de Guinea Ecuatorial) is the only Spanish-speaking country in Africa, and one of the smallest nations on the continent. In the late-1990s, American companies helped discover the country's oil and natural gas resources, which only within the last five years began contributing to the global energy supply. Equatorial Guinea is now working to serve as a pillar of stability and security in its region of West Central Africa. The country will host the 2011 Summit of the African Union. For more information, visit <http://www.guineaequatorialpress.com>.

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EQUATORIAL GUINEA STRENGTHENING HEALTH SERVICES

MALABO (June 18, 2010) – The Republic of Equatorial Guinea (República de Guinea Ecuatorial), along with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), is working to strengthen and equip health facilities throughout the country to boost access to reproductive health services. The rebuilding process includes the construction and renovation of health centers and maternity units as well as proper training for medical students.

“As part of our partnerships with the international community, we are sending our medical students to countries like Mali to study obstetrics, and to other countries, like Germany, Spain and Cuba to receive advanced medical training,” Francisco-Pascual Obama Asue, Equatorial Guinea’s Minister of Health and Social Welfare said in an interview.

A video of Minister Obama Asue

This exchange program was set up to address cervical cancer. To further address the issue, the government encourages women to receive proper medical care. The campaign was immensely successful. Because of this, informational tools are part of the health care package.

“Today, we are just starting to develop our health system, working every day to build up our country. Equatorial Guinea will not be complete until the Ministry of Health is that we have medical facilities for our people and to have acceptable health care,” Francisco-Pasual Obama Asue said.

Equatorial Guinea is committed to the health and well being of its people and continues to make significant investments to ensure critical health issues are addressed.

“Ultimately, our goal is to provide access to health care for all, fully funded by our government.”

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